

LOSSES HEAVY WHEN BULGAR ATTACKS FAIL

British Front in Strumitza Region is Shelled For Eight Hours Before Infantry is Called Upon.

ANOTHER INVASION OF MONTENEGRO LAUNCHED

Three Hostile Columns Are Driving Into King Nicholas' Country—Greeks to Meet Allies.

SALONIKA, Dec. 8.—Following an eight-hour bombardment of the British front in the Strumitza region, Bulgarian troops launched attacks in force late Monday afternoon, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

The Bulgarian bombardment began at 8 a. m., heavy guns pounding away at the British defenses in an effort to destroy them. Aeroplanes believed to have been operated by German aviators attempted to direct the cannonade, but the machines were put to flight by British aviators.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the bombardment suddenly ceased and the Bulgarian infantry moved forward to the assault. They were met with a galling fire from the British soldiers who had been well protected by their deep earthen trenches. Five different assaults were made by the Bulgars, but they finally abandoned their effort to break the British front.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A great battle is under way in southern Serbia. The most desperate attacks yet made by the Bulgarians against the Anglo-French allies are being launched in the triangle formed by the Tzerna and Vardar rivers in a terrific effort to hurl the French and British soldiers over the Greek frontier.

A critical situation exists for it is not known what action the Greeks may take if French and British troops and the handful of Serbians fighting with them are forced upon Greek soil.

Another invasion of Montenegro has been launched. An Austro-German column which struck into Montenegro by way of the Glina river has occupied Ipek and is pushing on into the mountains. There are now three hostile columns driving into King Nicholas' little country, the objectives being Cetinje, Scutari and the mountain district of the Piva river.

German and Austrian aeroplanes are very active over Montenegro and Cetinje, the capital, and Pobjoritz, the second important town in the kingdom have been bombed.

In the extreme southwestern part of Serbia, Bulgarians are advancing on Ogreda, the only town of any consequence in Serbia still held by the Serbs.

There is no material change in the political situation. The military commission sent from Athens has reached Salonika and is ready to consult with representatives of the entente powers.

Roumania has not yet given any definite sign of her intentions.

ENGLAND IN NEED OF STRONG LEAD

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Lord Charles Bessford, former head of the British navy, declared today that conduct of the war along its present lines would prolong the conflict indefinitely.

He sharply criticized what he called the "mismanagement" holding the cabinet responsible for present conditions.

"We are in a tangle or middle of mismanagement," said Lord Bessford. "Our military campaigns are being conducted without objective or plan. Policy only is considered. The war staffs have not been consulted as to whether they had men and material for enforcing the different policies inaugurated by the cabinet."

"We have not taken full advantage of our mastery of the sea. In every department we observe doubt and hesitating procrastination."

"The danger to the empire becomes more apparent daily. The country is waiting for a strong, clear lead. Our present methods will prolong the war indefinitely."

NO LAWYERS LEFT; JUSTICE IS LOAFING.

Justice in the St. Joseph county courts Wednesday was idle. The reason was three court cases appealed from the circuit court to the supreme and appellate courts took so many lawyers to Indianapolis this week that there were none left to try the cases set in the lower courts.

The cases to be heard at Indianapolis are Bissel Plow Co. vs. Oliver Plow Co., which asks for the removal of an obstruction from river, mandatory injunction granted in lower court; Tullar vs. town of New Carlisle, decision in favor of plaintiff; Fredrick Z. Zanger vs. Charles B. Sax, breach of contract.

The second named case is one in which Tullar, who is a physician sued the town of New Carlisle for professional services rendered during the time an epidemic of smallpox hit the village. The decision favoring the physician was made by a jury.

LONG MYE GIVEN DAMAGES BY JURY

Awarded \$2,583.33 as Result of Collapse of Building Jan. 3, 1914.

Long Mye, Chinese restaurant proprietor, received \$2,583.33 damages against the Independent 5 and 10 cent store Wednesday morning by a jury in circuit court.

The suit grew out of the collapse of buildings at 112-114 S. Michigan st. on Jan. 3, 1914, because of alterations made by the 5 and 10 cent store, the jury holding that the New York corporation was responsible.

This is the second hearing of the case, the restaurant proprietor receiving more this time than he did in the first trial. Before, he got a verdict of \$2,177.77, but a new trial was allowed on the ground that the plaintiff failed to prove the value of the goods damaged and lost in the collapse.

The case started early last week, witnesses for the plaintiff having the stand until Friday, the defense resting Monday evening.

From the collapse of this building seven damage suits arose. One of these against the Independent 5 and 10 cent store is pending and will be heard this week. A. H. Heiler, furniture dealer, who charges that his stock was injured and business crippled during that time, is the plaintiff in one suit which will come up this week.

It is understood that the case will be appealed to the supreme court. Howell Jones & Devine represented the restaurant proprietor, while Hubbard and Osborne, the latter of LaPorte, were the counsel for the defendant.

COMMITTEE WILL MEET

Skating Rinks and Movie Pictures to be Discussed.

Moving pictures for every Civic club will be discussed along with skating rinks for Sample st. and Oliver playgrounds at a meeting of the municipal recreation committee in the office of F. B. Barnes in the high school tonight. Representatives of the various clubs in the Civic federation voted to have movies at all of the clubs one night a week and it now remains for the municipal committee to sanction the purchase of a machine. The Home Telephone Co. has given the recreation department the poles that are to be used in lighting the rink at Oliver field.

ONE MAN DRAWS FINE

P. D. Gour Guilty of Operating Raffle Device.

P. D. Gour, one of the merchants arrested for operating raffle devices in his place of business pleaded guilty in city court Wednesday morning. Judge Warner fined Gour \$25 and costs but suspended sentence upon his promise to cease operating the machines. The trials of Gus Haslinger, Joe Cira, Jack Rabin, Z. Breiben and Anthony Suracek, arrested upon the same charge were continued until Dec. 13.

PETITION IS CIRCULATED

Wilson and Marshall to be Placed on Ballots.

Petitions to put the names of Woodrow Wilson for president and Thomas R. Marshall for vice president on the Indiana primary ballot are being circulated here, displacing to a great degree the argument to the effect a new man was being sought by the Indiana organization as a running mate for Wilson in 1916. Arriving here Wednesday morning the petitions were well filled late in the afternoon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charles S. Blaisdell, New York city, salesman; Verna R. Warner, Sturgis, Mich.
Lester Crothers, farmer, Michigan; Gertrude Donley, Michigan.

BIG BALANCE REMAINS IN GENERAL FUND

Sec'y M'Adoo Says Financial Situation of Country Has Never Been as Strong or Favorable as Now.

OFFERS SUGGESTIONS FOR PASSING REVENUE

Opposed to Any Bond Issue But Favors Increases in the Corporation and Income Taxes.

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The secretary asserts that the financial condition of the treasury is so strong that, even though no additional revenue raising measures be put into effect there will be a balance in the general fund on June 30, 1916, of \$2,644,605. Should the war tax, which expires Dec. 31, 1915, be reenacted, and should the one cent a pound duty on sugar, which under present law will not be collected until after May 1, 1916, be continued, the net balance in the general fund on June 30, 1916, will stand at \$58,644,605. Should the \$25,000,000 appropriation to be made on the Panama canal be financed by the sale of bonds as provided by law, the net balance of June 30, 1916, would be \$76,644,605, according to the secretary.

A recapitulation of the finances shows total ordinary receipts of the treasury for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, of \$97,910,327, and total ordinary disbursements of \$74,489,931, giving a deficiency for the year of \$23,428,931. This is merely a deficiency for the year and does not represent the treasury as behind that much, for it has not yet used up what it commenced the year with.

Should Be Increased.

The secretary estimates that total appropriations for the government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, should be \$908,765,929, an increase over the 1916 appropriations of \$167,331,401.

The outlook for the fiscal year 1917 which will begin next July is not so bright, Mr. McAdoo tells congress. In his report Sec'y McAdoo declares that a bond issue is inadvisable and says that additional revenue may be raised by maintaining the present war tax and the sugar duty; by increasing the income tax and by greater care in collections of all taxes.

Mr. McAdoo says an expenditure of \$93,800,000 on the preparedness program will roll up a deficiency of \$50,806,394 by June 30, 1917, the end of the 1917 fiscal year. To meet this deficiency, Mr. McAdoo would increase the internal revenue. He figures that the total increase in revenues needed is \$112,806,394, provided \$25,000,000 worth of Panama canal bonds are not sold. If the issue should be made, that much would be subtracted from the amount of additional revenue required.

Mr. McAdoo's suggestions for raising this additional revenue are: by increasing the corporation and personal income tax; by providing higher rates and, in the case of the personal income tax, reducing the \$3,000 exemption for single persons and \$4,000 exemption for married folk to \$2,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

Increase the taxes on gasoline.

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VIEWS OF KAISER TO BE EMBODIED IN TALK

BERLIN, Via Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement on Germany's attitude as regards peace is expected to embody the personal views of Emperor William. The chancellor went to general headquarters Tuesday and conferred with the kaiser last night. Details of the promised speech are said to have been settled at this conference.

PRINCIPAL POINTS IN M'ADOO'S REPORT

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TELEPHONE WIRES CUT BY STUDENTS

Seniors Plan Big Day But It is Spoiled by Other Pupils at High.

Cut telephone wires and numerals pasted on every clock in the high school caused an indefinite postponement of the annual Senior day assembly at the school Wednesday morning. The same things may be responsible for the discontinuance of the weekly assemblies, according to an announcement made by Prin. F. L. Sims, while the trouble was at its height Wednesday morning.

Arrangements had been made by the members of the senior class for a considerable celebration of Senior day. Prest McDonald had appointed a special committee to get up a program that would be fitting for such an occasion. Committees were appointed to decorate the building for Senior day.

That was where the trouble started. The decoration committee carried things too far. Every clock in the building bore the name of the numerals, "12." Another decoration, the one that caused all of the trouble—hanging outdoors. It was a large senior banner that was hung on a telephone wire between the building and a pole.

Only one way of getting the banner down was open. That was to cut the wire. It was cut by three juniors. One of them grabbed the banner and ran. Another followed and the other came down from the roof to his class. A half hour later the seniors demanded to know where their banner was. Principal Sims ordered that it be returned, but it is still hidden away.

Juniors immediately held a meeting and voted to have the wire fixed at the expense of the class. The Home Telephone Co. agreed to repair the damage without charge and to let the matter drop, although the cutting of wires is a penitentiary offense.

At the assembly Wednesday morning, Albert MacDonald, president of the senior class, urged all students to make an effort to find out who cut the wires. Mr. Sims announced that unless the guilty students confessed he would expose them before the entire school.

SKATED ON THIN ICE

Couple Break Through and Go Down to Death.

STORM LAKE, Ia., Dec. 8.—Edmund Ball, football coach at Buena Vista college, and Miss Fern Benedict are dead today, as a result of skating on thin ice on Storm Lake. A score of persons saw the skaters break through but all efforts to rescue them failed. Ball's home was at Valparaiso, Ind. He played football three years at Purdue.

Latest in the News World

BATTLE IS ON.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 8.—A battle between Carranza forces and Villa troops under Jose Rodriguez is in progress near Escudera, Sonora, according to official reports received at Aguaprieta.

Gen. Obregon's army made a forced march from Fronteras last night and attacked the Rodriguez forces at dawn today as the latter were preparing to leave Sonora for western Chihuahua.

GIVE LOSSES.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Official announcement was made in the house of commons today that the British lost 643 men in killed and 3,320 in wounded in the battle with the Turks at Ctesiphon in Mesopotamia.

SHIP IS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British steamer Commodore was sunk yesterday morning by a submarine. The cook perished, but all other members of the crew were saved. (Shipping records state that the vessel which carried contraband.

BABY ALLEGED DEFECTIVE IS LEFT TO FATE

Science Folds Its Arms and Permits Infant to Die. Says It Would Have Been an Imbecile.

MEDICAL SOCIETY TO TRY DR. HASELDEN

Doctor Who Started Widely Discussed Question is Accused of Self Advertising.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Science again has folded its arms and a weeping Chicago baby has paid its debt to the law of eugenics. Grace Werder, whose life, it is admitted, could have been saved by the surgeon's knife, but who was a hopeless defective physically and mentally, was born November 30, at the German-American hospital, where the Bollinger baby spent its short life, and died Dec. 2.

The news of the "passive killing" came to light today. Dr. Jacob Faltermayer was the attending physician, and in agreement with him were Dr. Harry Haiselden, who permitted baby Bollinger to die, and Dr. Clarence Rutherford. They were agreed the baby could have been saved to a defective life.

"This baby would have been an imbecile," said Dr. Faltermayer. "It would have hated its parents and been a reproach to humanity that brought it to life. We are spending our scientific energies improving animals and I believe this same should be applied to human beings. The Werder baby's head was what is known as hydrocephalic, 16 inches in diameter. One ear was grown flat against the head and there was a tumor above it. Loveless ears or the absence of any organ of sense are certain signs of imbecility."

Father Favored Act.

Julius Werder, father of the baby, former instructor in the state industrial school at Rochester, N. Y., called the death of the baby a God-send. When Dr. Faltermayer first told him the child was defective, Werder refused to permit any operations to save its life.

"I know there are those who will think me hard-hearted," said Mr. Werder. "But I did not have the heart to force that baby to live. I am a believer in prenatal influences and I believe that the sight of a hopeless paralytic in a wheel chair, which gave my wife such a nervous shock was the cause of this." The Werders have three daughters living, all healthy and strong.

Will Try Doctor.

Dr. Harry J. Haiselden was today cited to appear before the ethical relations committee of the Chicago Medical society to be tried on charges of unethical conduct in advertising the case of the Bollinger baby which Dr. Haiselden permitted to die when a simple operation would have saved its life, but it would have left it a hopeless invalid. He will be expelled from the society if the verdict is against him.

Formal charges have been filed with the society and Dr. Haiselden has been given 10 days in which to appear and defend himself.

Dr. Henry J. Way, chairman of the ethical relations committee said he understood Dr. Haiselden's self-advertising, in writing his biography for a newspaper was the basis for the charges, and that he had not been charged with unethical conduct in refusing to operate on the baby.

The verdict of the jury of six physicians of standing who sat in the Bollinger case, Dr. Haiselden acted "within his moral and ethical rights."

Commodore was at Liverpool on April 5. As its movements since that time are not given it probably was employed in government service and is presumed to have been sunk in the Mediterranean. The Commodore displaced 5,858 tons and was owned by the Harrison line.)

GET GERMAN REPLY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Germany's reply to the United States note of Oct. 12, on the Frye case has been received at the state department. Sec'y Lansing stated today that he has not read the document but it was learned that Germany now agrees with this country on the only point that remained at issue—the safeguarding of the lives of the crews and passengers on merchant steamers sunk by submarines.

The United States has accepted Germany's proposals to submit the question of indemnity to a board of experts and to arbitrate the question of Germany's rights to sink the

Man Who May Cause Break



Capt. Franz von Papan, German military attaché, whose recall has been asked by Sec'y of State Lansing. Capt. von Papan posed for this picture in his New York office.

QUESTION IS PUT UP TO GERMANY

Berlin Government Must Decide on Recall of Two Attacks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—It was reported on reliable authority this afternoon that Capt. Karl Boy-Ed and Capt. Franz von Papan, respectively naval and military attaché to the German embassy, whose recall was requested by Pres't Wilson, will sail for Rotterdam on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam on Dec. 14.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—No official confirmation has yet been received of yesterday's report from Berlin that Germany had decided to recall Capt. Boy-Ed and von Papan in accordance with the request of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Upon the decision to be taken in Berlin today or tomorrow depends the future status of the relations between Germany and the United States. Count von Bernstorff has communicated to his home government the flat refusal of the state department to furnish the evidence upon which it bases its demand for the recall of Capt. Boy-Ed and Capt. von Papan.

It is understood that he has suggested that inasmuch as this government has precedent and established usage on its side, the two officials be recalled. But he has positively declined to assume the responsibility, personally, of such actions. Officials here were confident, however, that Germany will not seek a diplomatic break in the present dispute at least and that the incident will be closed by the withdrawal of the two officials.

ATTACKS ARE DEPLORED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—German attacks against the United States are deplored by Maximilian Hardin, famous editor of the Zukunft. He referred to those who took part in a recent anti-American mass meeting as a pack of scoundrels and declared that their actions disgust every right-thinking German and disgraces Germany before the world.

FOREMAN OF PLANT AT GARY IS KILLED

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 8.—The police are today searching for two foreigners, recently discharged from the plant of the Standard Steel Car Co., suspected of the murder of Frank Holder, superintendent of that plant, who was killed last night.

Holder was returning home from work. As he left a street car there was a flash from a sawed-off shotgun from behind a nearby tree, and Holder dropped dead. One of the bullets also struck Frank Cole, 20 years old, in the lung and he is dying at St. Margaret's hospital. Another bullet pierced the coat of Mrs. William Reeve.

CONGRESS TO GET BUSY ON FRIDAY

Senate Committee Assignments Are to be Announced Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The pre-arranged recess is recessing today and tomorrow to pull itself together for real business. The two days' recess are being filled with the preparation of drafts and measures suggested by the president in his message yesterday and in the final arrangement of the various committees in both houses were to handle these measures after their introduction.

Friday promises to be a big day in both wings of the capital. It is not yet a certainty that the preparedness bills advocated by the administration will be ready for introduction when congress reconvenes, but much interest centers about the battle which Sen. Hoke Smith of Georgia, promises to open against the British blockade of neutral northern European ports.

Smith has prepared a lengthy speech reviewing the British policy towards American commerce since the outbreak of the war and warning England, in substance, that the United States will resort to the most vigorous retaliatory measures to maintain its rights upon the seas against British interference.

The senate committee assignments are to be announced Thursday. It is understood that Oscar Underwood, former majority leader in the house, has declined to place on the senate finance committee and that his most important assignment will be on the appropriations committee.

Keen competition for the few republican vacancies on the 12 sub-committees of the house may prevent committee assignments being announced this week. Minority Leader Mann is making every effort to finish the assignments, so that the business of the house may proceed.

ONLY ONE CITY CHANGED

Candidate Seeking Eighteenth Election is Defeated.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The feature in yesterday's municipal elections in Massachusetts was the defeat of Charles S. Ashley by Mayor R. Edward R. Hathaway of New Bedford. Ashley was seeking his 18th election to the office and it was the second time Hathaway had beaten him. The majority was 581.

Fourteen cities voted on the license question and but one city changed. Northampton joined the wet forces.

A LIFE JOB.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 8.—Ex-Mayor Patrick J. Boyle was yesterday elected mayor for his 16th term over Mayor Robert S. Burlingame. The recent enforcement of the Sunday blue laws is said to be the cause of the present mayor's defeat.

SHIP SAID TO BE VICTIM OF SUB IS SAFE

Communipaw is Reported at Alexandria—Rome Reports That Ship Was Shelled by Austrian Diver.

INQUIRY INTO ATTACK ON PETROLITE ORDERED

Strong Note Demanding Disavowal of Act is Expected to be Sent to Vienna.

ROME, Dec. 8.—Despite the utmost efforts of the American embassy to secure official information as to the American steamer Communipaw, no definite details as to the safety or destruction of the vessel had been obtained this forenoon. It is now believed at the embassy, however, that the steamer was not sunk by a submarine.

An unofficial report reached the embassy early in the day that the Communipaw was safe but that it had been shelled by an Austrian submarine near Tobruk. This report said that the vessel was undamaged, that no members of the crew had been injured, and that the Communipaw was safe in port at Alexandria.

The opinion was unofficially expressed at the embassy today that the report of the sinking of the Communipaw was erroneous and that the reported bombardment of the steamer by a submarine might also prove to be untrue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Standard Oil Co. today received a dispatch from its representative at Cairo, Egypt, stating that the steamer Communipaw arrived at Alexandria on Sunday.

Previous to the arrival of the dispatch from Cairo, the Standard Oil officials had accepted with reserve the Rome advice stating that the Communipaw had been sunk. The Cairo message strengthened their belief that the steamer had not been sunk.

"However," said an official of the foreign shipping department, "the Communipaw carried only a part cargo consigned to Alexandria and it is possible that this was immediately discharged and that the steamer sailed from that port before Tuesday, the day on which it is reported to have been sunk in the Mediterranean. This is possible."

"There is another possibility that the Petrolite, which is said to have been shelled by a submarine, was confused with the Communipaw, both being Standard Oil ships plying in the Mediterranean."

"We have as yet received no confirmation of the reported attack on the Petrolite. No action has yet been taken by the Standard Oil Co. and none will be taken until we hear some official news."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Announcement was made at the white house today that Pres't Wilson has ordered an immediate and thorough inquiry into the attack on the American steamer Petrolite by a submarine flying the Austrian flag. It had been planned to include the reported attack on the Communipaw in the investigation until it was learned that vessel is safe.

It was made plain that the president is determined to act immediately. A vigorous note will be sent to Austria demanding disavowal of the act with a pledge that no more American vessels will be attacked and a promise of full reparation for the loss of American lives.

TWO MEET DEATH IN HOTEL BLAZE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 8.—Two men were burned to death and several others narrowly escaped in a fire which early today destroyed the Seventh Avenue hotel.

The dead are William A. Buckner and his son, C. F. Buckner of Greensburg, Ky. Their bodies were found in a hallway.

The injured include: C. C. Morgan of Greensburg, Ky., burns.

C. L. Jewell, Horse Cave, Ky., jumped from third floor; serious.